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Defector's Journey Apparently Delayed By Concern of U.S.

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ROME, March 11—Svetlana

Stalin, the daughter of the Soviet dictator, was forced to stay here for four days awaiting permission to enter Switzerland, apparently because of Washington's desire, for diplomatic reasons, to delay or prevent her entry into the United States.

This was the explanation of her visit here given by Italian sources after she left for Geneva on a chartered Alitalia airliner, a prop-jet, at 6 A.M. today.

A United States Embassy spokesman said the embassy had no information even after her departure.

The established facts are that she arrived in Rome on a Quantas Airways flight from New Delhi at 7:45 A.M. Tuesday, accompanied by an American man, and that she left this morning, four days later, with the same escort and one or two Italians.

Her American companion has been identified as Robert F. Rayle, a Central Intelligence Agency officer attached to the United States Embassy in New Delhi.

No Italian Visa

On her arrival here, according to Italian sources, she presented a Soviet passport in the name of Alliluyeva, her mother's maiden name which she has used frequently. The sources said she had a United States visa, but no Italian visa.

Under Italian regulations, a traveler passing through the country may be admitted conditionally for 48 hours without a visa if his nationality is such that he is required to have one for regular admission. Citizens of the Soviet Union are required to produce a visa for admission to Italy.

Her possession of a United States visa, apparently issued in New Delhi, seemed to leave no doubt that it had been her intention to proceed to the United States. But, Italian sources indicated, by the time Mrs. Alliluyeva reached Rome, it had been decided to hold up her admission to the United States. Presumably the decision was made in the interest of

relations between the United States and the Soviet Union and the hope that agreement might be reached between the two countries on such specific issues as the treaty to limit the spread of nuclear weapons, which is being negotiated in Geneva.

Extension Granted

It was reported that Mrs. Alliluyeva had not obtained entry rights from a third coun-

try when the 48-hour limit on her stay in Italy expired. Italian authorities granted an extension. The Swiss Government's decision yesterday to admit her for a "sojourn of repose" cleared the way. Mrs. Alliluyeva was booked on a Swissair flight to Geneva at 7:45 P. M. yesterday.

She was on the way to the airport last night, Italian sources said, when word reached her escort that a crowd of reporters and cameramen had gathered there. It was decided that she should return to Rome. Her place of refuge during her four days here remains undisclosed, but the press has speculated that she occupied lodgings provided by American intelligence agents.

Early this morning, Mrs. Alliluyeva was again driven to the airport. She entered by a little-used gate far from the regular passenger terminal and was driven directly to the chartered plane, which had been drawn up on a runway away from the public part of the airport. The plane was to take off precisely at 6 A.M.

A few minutes later, an airport official read to the press the following communiqué:

"Signora Svetlana Stalin Alliluyeva, reaching Fiumicino [Airport] by airplane from New Delhi on the seventh of this month, in possession of a passport provided with visas for third countries, requested on her

arrival permission for a brief stay during her transit of Italian territory. The frontier authorities granted this permission, availing themselves of the authority provided by laws in force. Signora Alliluyeva left Fiumicino Airport last night."

The erroneous assertion that she had departed "last night" clearly was due to a failure to edit a statement prepared for the original plan.

Italian Government authorities said the cost of the airliner had not been paid with Italian funds, and United States officials declined to confirm or deny the more likely hypothesis that the trip was at American expense.

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